

Comanche County Burn Ban Proclamation/Resolution

WHEREAS, the climate of the State of Oklahoma and Comanche County is conducive to the development of dry and hazardous burning conditions; and

WHEREAS, no significant rainfall (more than 1/2 inch) is forecasted for the next Three-Seven days (3-7) and the county is experiencing a moderate, severe, or extreme drought conditions and

WHEREAS, its is essential that actions be taken to protect the lives and property of the citizens of Comanche County

WHEREAS, it is important to conserve the resources of the county and its municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche County Emergency Management Department, and a majority of Comanche County Fire Chiefs have determined that hazardous burning conditions do exist in the county.

WHEREAS, and law enforcement officer of the State of Oklahoma may carry out the enforcement of this resolution. Any person convicted of violating this resolution shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine or not more than Five-hundred Dollars (\$500.00), to imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

WHEREAS, the Comanche County Board of County Commissioners pursuant to the authority granted to the Board of Commissioners by Section 16*26B of Title 2 of the Oklahoma Statutes, do hereby proclaim that extreme fire dangers exists in Comanche County. This situation (as defined in Section 16-26.B1. a-d, Title 2. O.S.) has been verified by a documented concurrence of the majority of the County's municipal and rural fire chiefs, or their designees.

WHEREAS, exceptions to this fire prohibition and appropriate precautionary measures to be taken as per attached.

Adopted at an open meeting by the Board of Comanche County Commissioners This 9th Day of July 2012. This order is effective from July 09, 2012 – August 07, 2012


Chairman


Member

Member


County Clerk



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EXCEPTIONS TO COMANCHE COUNTY BURN BAN

For equipment related to road construction projects:

Equipment which uses propane or other controlled-type burners is generally regarded as safe, however it would be prudent to have a water pumper on standby anytime this equipment is used near a grassy right of way.

Welding/cutting torch/grinding activities:

When conducted over a non-combustible surface at least 10 feet by 10 feet and when welding blankets or screens are used to cover flammable vegetation; and

2. Wind speeds must be less than 20 mph: and

3. A fire watcher, other than the welder, is posted at the welding/cutting torch site with pressurized water or fire extinguisher.

CAMPFIRES AND OUTDOOR COOKING

Outdoor campfires or bonfires are prohibited. LPG and natural gas frills and charcoal-fired cooking outside in a grilling receptacle are permitted provided that the activity is conducted over a non-flammable surface 10 feet by 10 feet and at least five feet from flammable vegetation.

PRESCRIBED BURNS ON FEDERAL LANDS

Are exempt when conducted under the federal prescribed burn rules and regulations.

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U.S. Drought Monitor

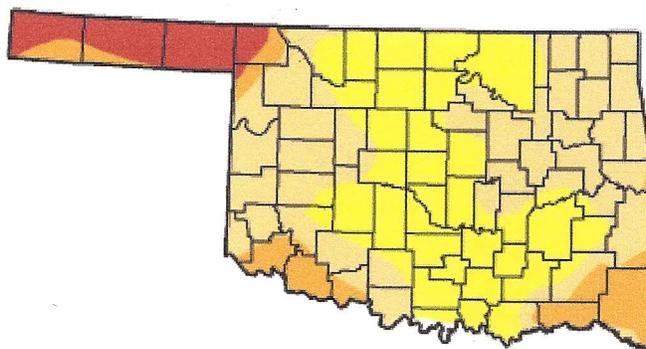
Oklahoma

July 3, 2012

Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.35	99.65	61.12	16.25	7.58	0.00
Last Week (06/26/2012 map)	0.32	99.66	48.03	17.00	3.90	0.00
3 Months Ago (04/03/2012 map)	66.66	33.34	18.56	10.92	3.77	0.01
Start of Calendar Year (12/27/2011 map)	14.83	85.17	78.76	50.55	27.46	3.33
Start of Water Year (09/27/2011 map)	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	78.97	66.42
One Year Ago (06/28/2011 map)	0.13	99.87	75.59	55.96	41.22	32.55

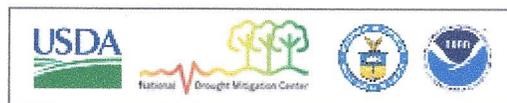


Intensity:

 D0 Abnormally Dry	 D3 Drought - Extreme
 D1 Drought - Moderate	 D4 Drought - Exceptional
 D2 Drought - Severe	

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>



Released Thursday, July 5, 2012
Rich Tinker, Climate Prediction Center/NOAA

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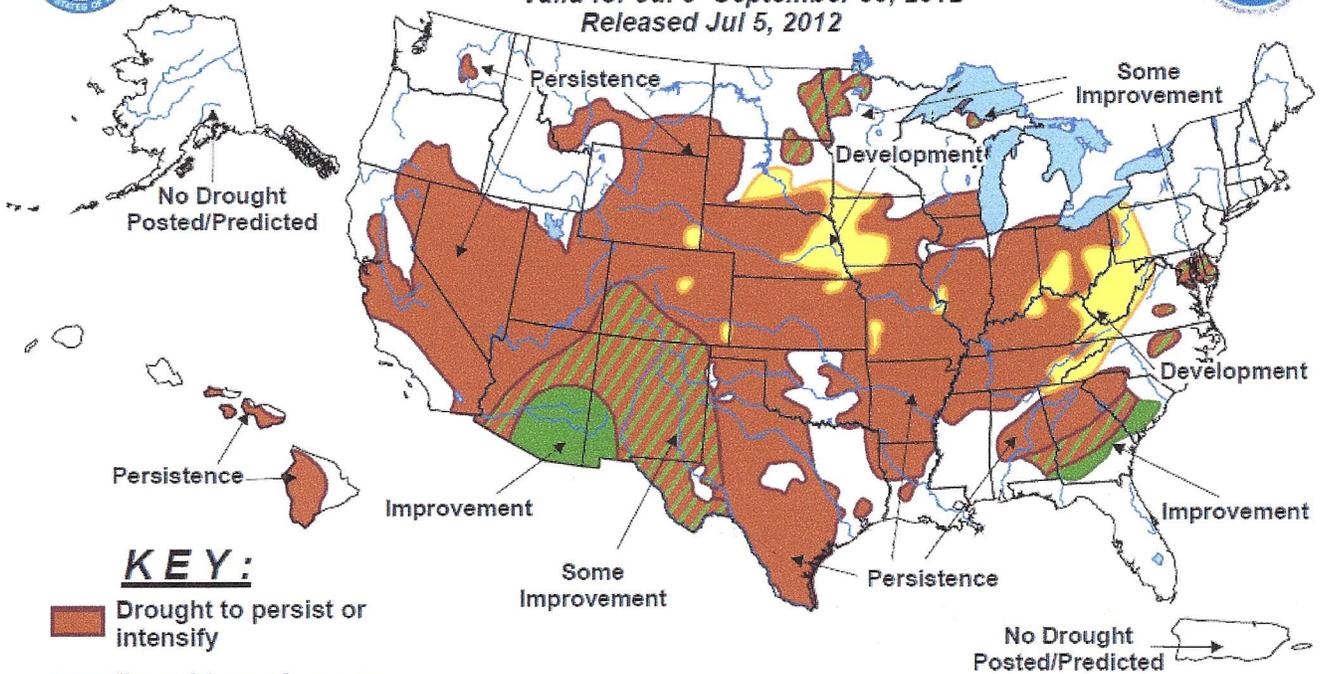
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U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook

Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for Jul 5 - September 30, 2012
Released Jul 5, 2012



KEY:

- Drought to persist or intensify
- Drought ongoing, some improvement
- Drought likely to improve, impacts ease
- Drought development likely

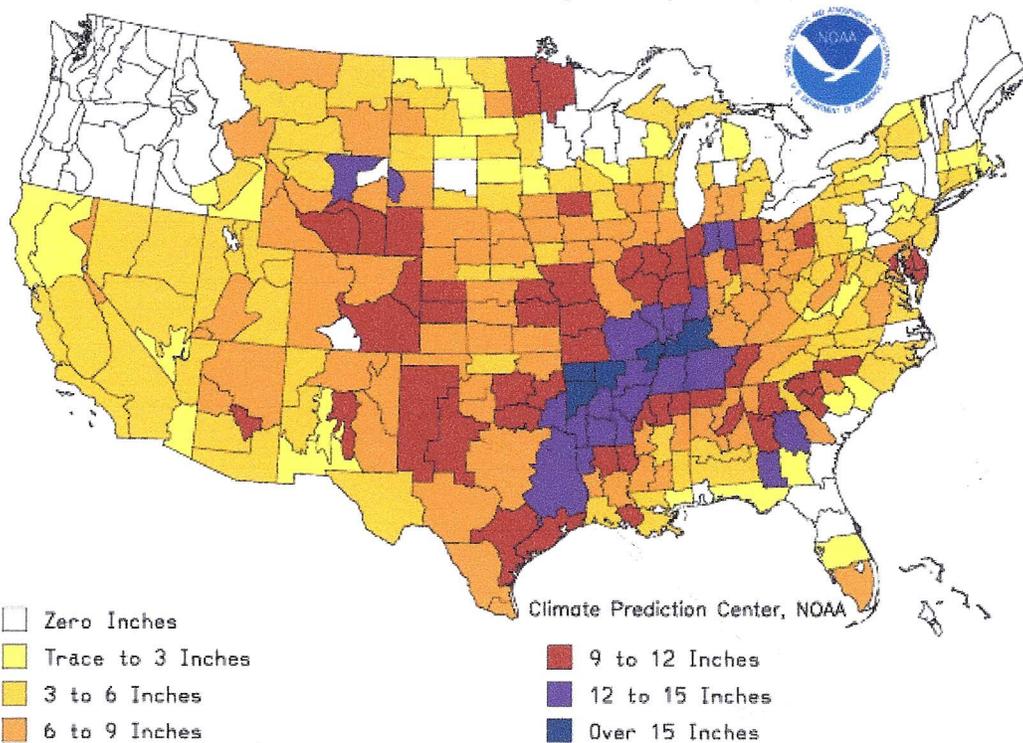
Depicts large-scale trends based on subjectively derived probabilities guided by short- and long-range statistical and dynamical forecasts. Short-term events -- such as individual storms -- cannot be accurately forecast more than a few days in advance. Use caution for applications -- such as crops -- that can be affected by such events. "Ongoing" drought areas are approximated from the Drought Monitor (D1 to D4 intensity). For weekly drought updates, see the latest U.S. Drought Monitor. NOTE: the green improvement areas imply at least a 1-category improvement in the Drought Monitor intensity levels, but do not necessarily imply drought elimination.

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Additional Precip. Needed (In.) to Bring PDI to -0.5
Weekly Value for Period Ending JUN 30, 2012
Long Term Palmer Drought Severity Index (PDI)



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